

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Deadline date for submission through the Congress website: February 16, 2027, at 23.59 (CET).
You should only submit an abstract if you intend to attend the congress and present the work. If your abstract is accepted for oral or poster presentation you must register for the congress. ISBT reserves the right to remove from publication any abstract for which the author does not register within two weeks of receipt of the acceptance letter.

The online abstract submission system will take you step-by-step through the submission process. To gain access to the abstract form, you will be requested to enter a login name and a password, which you can choose yourself. If you have used the system before you can enter your previous stored details. *We strongly advise you to write down your login name and password for future reference.*

You can access and edit your abstract as often as necessary before final submission.
When you have finalised your abstract, you must press the SUBMIT button. You will receive a confirmation of the submission by email. **If you do not receive a confirmation email**, please contact the Congress organisers.

HELP OR REVIEW OF THE STRUCTURE AND LANGUAGE OF YOUR ABSTRACT

If you need help or a review of the structure and language of your abstract, please send an e-mail and attach a WORD version of your abstract to the ISBT Central Office before **January 15, 2027.**

ABSTRACT REVIEW, SELECTION AND PUBLICATION

- An international panel of experts will review the abstracts. An abstract may be selected for an oral presentation or poster or may be rejected.

  Rejection criteria include:

  - The content is not relevant to transfusion medicine or the transfusion sciences
  - No new or relevant work will be presented (viewed in the context of the human development index of the country)
  - Data does not support conclusions
  - Not in the format set out in these guidelines
  - Not in English with an acceptable level of language
  - Includes confidential patient data
  - Has been published in a PubMed listed journal or presented at another international meeting (unless new data / information is included)
  - Contains or creates a perception of commercial bias / advertising*



*If the abstract involves commercial products, it must be objective, be based on scientific methods and be free of commercial bias for or against any products. **Generic names should be used whenever possible and trade names must not be included in the abstract title**.*

Abstracts from commercial companies must be presented by an individual who holds no financial or other personal conflict of interest with the presented works

- The submitting author will receive a confirmation of acceptance for oral presentation, poster presentation, or a notice of rejection, by **March 12, 2027**.
- If your abstract is accepted, further information will be sent to you regarding the format of presentation (oral or poster).
- If your abstract is accepted, it is also required for the presenting author to be registered by the deadline of **April 1, 2027.** If the presenting author is unable to attend but a co-author will present instead, please contact the Congress organisers.
- Every effort will be made to publish the abstract exactly as it was submitted. As abstracts will be typeset for electronic distribution and publication, they may be copy-edited by the ISBT staff as needed to conform to publications style.
- All accepted abstracts for which the author has registered by the deadline, will be included in an abstract book that will be published by *Vox Sanguinis* (online only). The abstract book is also made available on the ISBT congress website and congress app approximately one week prior to the start of the meeting.

Instructions

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

You will need to complete:

- Name and complete address including correct email address of the submitting author to whom correspondence will be sent.
- **Abstract title**: The title (including spaces) must not exceed 200 characters. **Do NOT** type a full stop (.) at the end of the title. The abstract title must **not** include product trade names.
- **Category**: select one topic from the list provided. Your abstract should be related to the topic.
- **Registration of co-authors**: please fill out the surnames, initials, institute, city, country and email address of all co-authors. Do not include the main author as a co-author.

Abstract formatting

- **Graphics, figures and pictures** are **not** allowed.
- **Tables:** a maximum of 1 table may be included in the body of the abstract. If you wish to include a table, please do **not** copy / paste it from a word file. Create a table using the table tools available in each section of the abstract submission website.
- **Line feeds:** do not use HTML codes and 'end of lines' as the text will wrap automatically.
- **Lists:** where an itemised list is used, please use bullet points (as in this list) rather than 1,2,3 or a,b,c etc.
- **Browser font preference:** before inserting / submitting your abstract select Unicode as the preferred font. If Unicode is not available, please select Western.
- **Language setting of your keyboard:** the keyboard configuration of computers in non-Western countries can cause problems with the printing of the proceedings. To avoid these problems, please change the language setting of your computer to English.

Use of AI

ISBT recognises that AI tools can support authors in preparing their abstracts, for example by improving language, shortening or polishing text, suggesting alternative wording, structuring existing ideas or assisting with translation. However, the scientific content of the abstract must be developed by the author(s), and AI must not be used to generate the abstract or its scientific content from scratch. The author(s) remain fully responsible for the accuracy, originality and scientific integrity of the submitted abstract.



Abstract structure and content

- The abstract text must be no more than 3500 characters (including tables)
- The abstract must be in English. Should you require language translation, please see guidance on the use of AI above.
- All abstracts must follow the five-section structure below. For Case Studies, the alternative guidance indicated after the "/" should be followed where applicable:
    a. Background
    b. Aims / Why the case is worth reporting
    c. Methods / Case Presentation
    d. Results / Findings, interpretation
    e. Summary, Conclusions / Significance, key takeaways
- Information or concepts expressed must be novel, ideally at an international level.
- The abstract must include results or outcomes of the work. For Case Studies, this should include the relevant findings and their interpretation. A plan of work without evidence of results does not usually constitute an adequate abstract.
- Do not include KEYWORDS

References

- Including references and adding a reference list at the end of the abstract is not permitted. However, if it is necessary to refer to one or more specific publication(s), it is advised to cite these in the abstract text as follows: "Johnson, Vox Sang, 2015".

Travel Fellowships (Harold Gunson and Exceptional Abstract)

When submitting an abstract, early career professionals who will be no more than 40 years of age at the start of the congress, can apply for a travel fellowship. These fellowships include travel, complimentary registration to the congress and accommodation. The number of fellowships is limited and subject to conditions.

Before you send your application, please make sure that you have read the travel fellowship procedures carefully and that:

- You meet the eligibility criteria
- You are the first, submitting and presenting author of an abstract
- You will be attending the congress